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Board of Police Commission Regular Meeting September 25, 2012

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners McLoughlin, Lazaroff, and Monz, Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Mulhern.

Absent: Commissioner Calafiore.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the July 24, 2012 regular meeting and executive session. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner McLoughlin, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously. The next order of business was the approval of the minutes for the August 27, 2012 special meeting and executive session. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner McLoughlin, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the approval of the monthly reports for July and August. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

A North Haven Resident involved in a motor vehicle accident was taken by ambulance to the hospital. He realized that he had valuables in his car and Lieutenant Lofquist was contacted. The resident made a generous donation to the K-9 program to show his gratitude for Lieutenant Lofquist's honesty and integrity.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman D'Errico noted that the cell phone citations and DUI arrests are down. Chief explained that there was such a spike from where we were and there will be peaks and valleys. The citations and arrests won't be a constant, upward movement.

CHIEF'S REPORT

In reference to the overtime line, the department was tasked with in-kind services that weren't expected. The department had to provide traffic coverage for the Elm Street drainage project and the Skiff Street sidewalk detail. With the Skiff Street project, the original bid provided police coverage. That bid fell through and the next bid that was accepted did not have allowances for traffic control. Also the aggressive milling and paving went out to bid. Again, the contractor did not pick up the officers salaries. They will be paid from the police department budget and when the project is completed, the police overtime line will be reimbursed through the bond package.

Lieutenant Glenn has been keeping a detailed running tally of in-kind services since July 2nd. This will be done on a weekly basis.

In response to a question from Commissioner McLoughlin, the Chief reported the tree trimming throughout the town is being done by a private contractor. The officers will be paid by the utility company.

The Chief reported the personnel and overtime line does not reflect the increase that officers were awarded in their contract. Including retro active pay, the increase is 4 ½ %. The department had a surplus budget of 3 ½% through the middle of June. An allocation was put aside and this took care of the retro active pay, but the new raises are not in the budget. Last years budget came in at 99.9%

Traffic – Chief reported a fatal MVA involving a high school student on a bicycle. The accident is still under investigation by our officers and the newly formed regional traffic unit. Last month we discussed the North Haven, North Branford, and East Haven initiative as far as putting this regional traffic unit together and it was utilized for this accident.

A resident who was involved in a serious MVA on Skiff Street sent a letter to Chairman D'Errico, copy to Chief, expressing his concerns and ideas for speeding and trucks using Skiff Street. The Chief responded that the department will monitor and enforce “No Thru Trucks” and speeding.

Retired Hamden Officer John Battick was sworn in at a special meeting on August 27, 2012. He filled the vacancy created by the retirement of Sergeant Mark Kirschner. He brings a lot of experience and fits in very nicely.

The Town Hall, Police Department and Town Annex are converting to gas heat within the next week. This will save the police department approximately \$14,000.00 a year in heating costs. Chief gave credit to the building officials who spearheaded the idea.

The regional traffic unit is in effect. The Chiefs and Deputy Chief met today in East Haven to put together the final pieces of the operational plan. Officer Rienzo attended the first phase of traffic investigation and completed pedestrian/bicycle crash investigation this week. Chief mentioned that Lieutenant Edward Lennon of the East Haven Police Department is an expert on traffic accidents and probably the best in New Haven County.

The department has included the East Haven Police Department to the existing North Haven and North Branford SWAT team. The six East Haven officers will make a total of twenty team members. The SWAT team is headed by Lieutenant Kevin Glenn.

An officer will attend the DUI Grant workshop on October 3rd to secure the DUI comprehensive grant. The grant will be used for DUI spot checks and possibly cell phone and seat belt violations. The Grant should allow for six spot checks among the three towns in the regional traffic unit.

Officer Stavrides will participate in the 3rd annual motorcycle “Ride for Justice – Petit Family Foundation” on September 30th.

The line painting bid has been awarded to Atlantic Paving who has done the line paving for the last two years.

The bid has been awarded for the pedestrian cross lights at Elm Street and Bailey Road. Chief said this should have been done years ago and the work is expected to be completed by December 1st. The \$13,000.00 cost will be shared by the Board of Education and the Police Department.

The bid for the three Dodge Charges has been awarded to North Hills who guaranteed early delivery on the cars. This will prevent the department from having to purchase snow tires for the existing cars that will be sold at auction. The department will purchase a Ford Utility Interceptor from Dowling Ford. Three of the cars are replacement cars.

The Substance Abuse Action Council will sponsor a Red Ribbon campaign to deter underage drinking and drinking and driving. The North Haven High School Football Team and their opponents will wear red armbands at the October 26th home game. The Union will purchase the armbands.

WTB Scholarship Award – Chief McLoughlin asked for a motion to approve a scholarship award for two courses for Lieutenant Glenn. A motion was made by Commissioner Monz, second by Commissioner McLoughlin. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief reported that retired Lieutenant Donald Corazzini passed away in Florida at the age of 85. Lieutenant Corazinni was instrumental in the professional development of many of the officers. A memorial service will be held in Connecticut at a later date.

Chief reported that there were no new grievances.

Chairman D’Errico would like to see the DARE program moved to the middle school. Chief McLoughlin agreed and said the DARE program should have a lesser role at grade 5 and be taught in the middle school. Hopefully, the transition will be made by next year.

Deputy Chief Mulhern acknowledged the work of the Detectives, Officer Cantele, and K-9 Koda on a recent narcotics investigation. After a search and seizure warrant was executed, K-9 Koda found 60 bags of heroin in a home. The heroin was well hidden and probably wouldn't have been detected by an officer. The person was selling drugs in the Washington Avenue area. Deputy Chief thanked them for a job well done.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn and move into executive session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was made by Commissioner McLoughlin, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

Minutes by Mrs. Amato

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Board of Police Commission
Executive Session
September 25, 2012

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 8:19 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners McLoughlin, Monz, and Lazaroff, Chief McLoughlin, and Deputy Chief Mulhern.

Absent: Commissioner Calafiore.

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner McLoughlin, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McLoughlin, Chief of Police